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Senator Harry Reid
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Dear Senator Reid:

Recently you went on Meet the Press and stated: "Obamacare has been wonderful for America." Unfortunately, Obamacare has not been wonderful for America. When I travel home to Florida countless people share with me stories of how Obamacare has negatively impacted them. It has made it more difficult to find jobs or keep their businesses afloat because of the tremendous uncertainty it has created in the marketplace. My constituents are hurting and it's because of the misnamed Affordable Care Act.

There is a critical need for real healthcare reforms in this country that will improve access to affordable health insurance, lower the unsustainable rate of health care cost growth, and will create incentives for health care providers to offer more cost effective care. Unfortunately, the Affordable Care Act does none of this; if anything it actually doubles down on many of the worst aspects of our current system thrusting even more financial burdens on our already heavily burdened constituents.

I understand that President Obama, yourself and your allies only had the best intentions; but when you tried turning the "ship" of our national healthcare system around, the whole thing sunk. You can't turn a cruise liner around 90 degrees all at once, you do it incrementally and very carefully. Obamacare does not do this, it is a giant, haphazardly-written piece of legislative malpractice that destroys innovation, the economy, American competitiveness and ultimately hurts the American taxpayer.

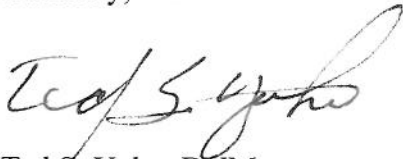
President Obama promised that the Affordable Care Act would lower premiums by \$2,000. However, a report from the House Energy and Commerce Committee found that premiums will increase between as much as 145% and 189% for young healthy adults. The President also promised that if you like your health care plan, you can keep it. But nearly 7 million people are expected to lose their employer-based insurance. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi promised that

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the Affordable Care Act would create four million jobs. But this has not been the case. In my home state of Florida there are reports that Obamacare will reduce private sector employment because business owners are unable to expand due to the heavy burden of the cost of compliance. Meaningful job creation depends on a healthy small-business sector. Repealing Obamacare would substantially contribute to creating a pro-growth environment that will encourage small firms to grow and hire.

Obamacare perpetuates a system of higher taxes and a heavier reliance on welfare. It punishes the self-reliant individual and business owner in order to reward the person who relies on the government. This is not the idea our Founding Fathers had in mind when they crafted the Constitution. You often charge the U.S. House of Representatives with wasting time by passing so many repeals of Obamacare. But these repeals have been passed out of two Congresses—this is very clearly a mandate from the people, who have elected these Congressmen, to repeal Obamacare. I implore you to work to improve America by repealing Obamacare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ted S. Yoho", written in a cursive style.

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